

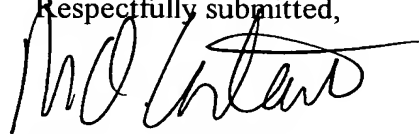
REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending. By this Amendment, the continuity data is added to the first page of the specification.

The Examiner is requested to consider the references identified in the attached Information Disclosure Statement. These references were cited during prosecution of the parent application.

Examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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